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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in answer to the Office Action dated October 7, 2005, which set a three-month period for response. Thus, this Amendment is considered timely if filed on or before January 7, 2006.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

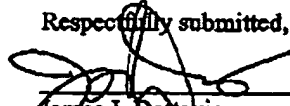
Remarks begin on page 9 of this Amendment.

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